### ARMYMATERIEL COMMAND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SPECIALIST'S DUTIES**

## SERVING OUR CLIENTS--The AMC Environmental Law Program

- A. STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE BEYOND THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS
  - 1. Actively Advance Pollution Prevention
  - 2. Move Beyond the Legal Requirements
  - 3. Promote Environmental Stewardship of Installation Resources
- B. ANTICIPATE LEGAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BEFORE THEY ARISE
  - 1. Assure That They Stay Apprised of the Latest Issues in Environmental Law
  - 2. Provide Legal Opinions in Writing if Aware of Issues Before Formally Asked
- C. BE INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH THE INSTALLATION
  - 1. Take Periodic Driving and Walking Tours of Installation
  - 2. Actively Walk Construction and Remediation Projects on Installation
  - 3. Have Environmental Staff Call ELS when Investigating Environmental Issues
- D. GO OUT AND SEEK ISSUES/PROVIDE ACTIVE ADVICE
  - 1. Spend 1/2 to 1 day per Week in the Offices of the Environmental Staff
  - 2. Develop Good Relationship with Director and Deputy Director of Public Works
- E. DEVOTE WHATEVER RESOURCES NECESSARY TO ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE, SOUND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, AND A CONSCIENTIOUS INSTALLATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM.
  - 1. Ensure that ELS Receives Proper Training on Continuing Basis
  - 2. Allow Full Time ELS Duties if Necessary
  - 3. Elevate Issues Through Legal Channels if Installation Desires to Violate Law

## TRAINING

#### A. MINIMUM REQUIRED TRAINING

- 1. Air Force Basic Environmental Law Course (or equivalent)
- 2. Department of Justice Environmental Law Course (or equivalent)

#### B. CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

- 1. Air Force Update and Advanced Environmental Law Courses
- 2. MACOM Environmental Courses
- 3. Courses Offered by Independent Companies, States, or EPA

### OMPLIANCE

#### A. GENERAL

- 1. Get Out and See Your Installation
- 2. Develop Strong Working Relationship with Environmental Staff
- 3. Share ELD Bulletin and Other Environmental Legal Material with Installation Staffs
- 4. Develop Good Relationship with Regulatory Attorneys
- 5. Work with DOD Regional Environmental Centers
- 6. Respond to Requests for Specific Legal Opinions

#### B. EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY

- 1. Develop Appropriate Installation Military and Civilian Employee Environmental Performance Standards
- 2. Develop Installation Worksite/Employee Monitoring and Inspection Program
- 3. Assist Employment Law Counsel and Installation Leadership in Determining Appropriate Disciplinary Action for Violations

#### C. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (ECAS)

- 1. Participate in Audit In-briefing
- 2. Assist, as needed, in Audit
- 3. Participate in Audit Out-briefing

- 4. Review Draft Final Report
- 5. Assist in Preparation of Installation Response to Findings
- 6. Assist in Monitoring Deficiency Correction

#### D. INTERNAL AUDITS

- 1. Participate in Off-cycle Installation Internal Audits
- 2. Review Findings with Installation Commander
- 3. Monitor Correction of Deficiencies

#### E. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL COUNCIL

- 1. Attend Environmental Quality Control Council Meetings
- 2. Present one *hot issue* at each meeting
- 3. Cover Environmental Agreement Compliance at Each Meeting
- 4. Answer EQCC Questions

# R EGULATORY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

#### A. HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE VIOLATIONS

- 1. Observe Regulatory Inspections
- 2.. Review Complaint/Notice of Violations
- 3. Review Validity of Violations
- 4. Review Proposed Response and Corrective Actions
- 5. Participate in Settlement Negotiations
- 6. Review Negotiated Settlements
- 7. Determine Appropriateness of Penalties
- 8. Determine Appropriateness of Supplemental Environmental Projects
- 9. Obtain Environmental Law Division Approval
- 10. Assist in Monitoring Compliance with Agreements/Orders
- 11. Assist ELD, or as Authorized, Prosecute any Appeal

#### B. OTHER MEDIA ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- 1. Review Notices of Non-compliance/Notices of Violation
- 2. Determine Validity of Non-compliance
- 3. Review of Proposed Response and Corrective Actions
- 4. Participate in Negotiations of Compliance Agreements
- 5. Review Proposed Compliance Agreements

- 6. Determine Consistency with Army/EPA Policies
- 7. Obtain Environmental Law Division Approval
- 8. Assist in Monitoring Compliance with Agreements/Orders
- 9. Assist ELD, or as Authorized, Prosecute any Appeal

## A IR POLLUTION COMPLIANCE

#### A. TITLE V CLEAN AIR ACT PERMIT

- 1. Assist in Major Source Determinations
- 2. Attend Permit Application IPR Meetings
- 3. Review Federal Requirements
- 4. Review Permit Application
- 5. Review Certification of Compliance
- 6. Review Annual Certifications and Reports

#### B. GENERAL CONFORMITY DETERMINATIONS

- 1. Review All Actions for Compliance
- 2. Review Records of Non-applicability
- 3. Review Conformity Determinations

#### C. OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES

- 1. Assist in Review of Installation Compliance
- 2. Review Requests for Exception to Not Requiring ODSs

#### D. ADVISE ON STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS

## TATATER POLLUTION COMPLIANCE

#### A. NPDES PERMITS

- 1. Assist in Determining All Point Sources are Covered by Applicable Federal and/or State Permits
- 2 Review any Storm Water Control Plans
- 3. Review any Best Management Practice Plans

- 4. Review Monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports that Indicate Violations of Permit Conditions
- 5 Assist in Permit Renewal Applications

#### B. WETLANDS PROTECTION

- 1. Assist in Wetlands Determinations
- 2. Review any Wetland 404 Permit Applications

#### C. NON-POINT SOURCE CONTROL PLANS

- 1. Review Non-Point Source Control Plans
- 2. Review Consistency with State or Area Plans
- 3. Review Spill Prevention Plans

## HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE COMPLIANCE

#### A. HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

- 1. Routinely Accompany EC Visits
- 2. Respond To Requests for Opinions
- 3. Review Part A and B Applications
- 4. Review any Permit Modification Requests
- 5. Instruct on, and Monitor, Munitions Compliance
- 6. Advise on State or Local Requirements

#### B. SOLID WASTE COMPLIANCE

- 1. Review Solid Waste Permit Applications
- 2. Advise on Regional Solid Waste Management Programs
- 3. Review Installation Recycling Programs and/or Plans

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

#### A. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- 1. Review Extremely Hazardous Substance Notifications
- 2. Review Assistance to State and Local Emergency Response Committees
- 3. Review Written Notices of Reportable Releases

#### B. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Assist in Preparing Annual Chemical Inventory Report
- 2. Assist in Determining Requirement for Toxic Release Inventory Reporting
- 3. Assist in Determining Applicability of Exemptions
- 4. Review Annual Toxic Release Inventory Report

## THER ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS

#### A. LEAD BASED PAINT REDUCTION

- 1. Review Installation Lead-based Paint Reduction Plan
- 2. Participate in Lead-based Paint Committee
- 3. Review Contracts Which Might Involve Lead-Based Paint Issues
- 4. Monitor and Advise on State and Local Requirements

#### B. ASBESTOS CONTROL

- 1. Review Contracts which Might Involve Asbestos Issues
- 2. Review Installation Asbestos Management Plan
- 3. Advise on OSHA and CAA Compliance

#### C. SAFE DRINKING WATER COMPLIANCE

- 1. Review Any Non-compliance Monitoring Reports
- 2. Review Any Public Notices of Non-Compliance to Users

#### D. POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENALS (PCB) COMPLIANCE

- 1. Advise on Federal PCB Management Requirements
- 2. Determine if PCBs Covered by State Hazardous Waste Regulations

#### E. UNDERGROUND AND ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAMS

- 1. Review Closure or Cleanup Plans
- 2. Review State Concurrence with Completed Closures
- 3. Review Spill Containment Plans for ASTs
- 4. Advise on State AST Requirements

## ATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (AR 200-3)

#### A. COMPLIANCE WITH ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

- 1. Review U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Coordination Requests
- 2. Assure Documentation of Informal Consultations
- 3. Review Biological Assessments
- 4. Review Endangered Species Management Plans

#### B. INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLANS

- 1. Participate in Development and Annual Review of Plan
- 2. Review Fish and Wildlife Cooperative Plan

### **ULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (AR 200-4)**

#### A. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ACT COMPLIANCE

- 1. Assist in Determining Affect on Historical Properties
- 2. Review Consultations with State Historic Preservation Office

#### B. REVIEW CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLANS

## **TEPA COMPLIANCE (AR 200-2)**

#### A. RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. Review Each Record of Environmental Consideration
- Coordinate with MACOM on REC which Provides that NEPA Compliance Not Required
- 3. Coordinate With MACOM on Controversial RECs

#### B. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

- 1. Review Installation's Proposed Projects to Determine When EA Required
- 2. Review Each Environmental Assessment

- 3. Review Findings of No Significant Impact
- 4. Review Each Revision of all EAs

#### C. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

- 1. Review Installation's Proposed Projects to Determine When EIS Required
- 2. Review Notice of Intent
- 3. Participate in Scoping Meetings
- 4. Review Each Revision of all EISs
- 5. Review Proposed Records of Decision

#### D. INSTALLATION MASTER PLAN

- 1. Review all Master Plans for Environmental Considerations
- 2. Review Master Plan Supporting NEPA Documentation

# ENVIRONMENTAL FEES

#### A. CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTE

- 1. Review Whether Payment Authorized or Considered Improper Tax
- 2. Obtain and Review Evidence to Contest Payment

#### B. ASSIST IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH STATE REGULATORY AGENCIES

# R ESTORATION PROGRAM

#### A. RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARDS

- 1. Advise on Membership
- 2. Participate and/or Review Minutes of Meetings

#### B. DECISION DOCUMENTS

- 1. Review Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigations (PA/SI)
- 1. Review Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Studies (RI/FS)
- 2. Review Proposed Plans
- 3. Review Records of Decision
- 4. Review Other Environmental Decision Documents

- C. PARTICIPATE IN DETERMINING RESTORATION PRIORITIES
- D. ASSIST IN OBTAINING EXTENSIONS FOR UNFUNDED PROJECTS

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM FUNDING

- A. 1383 REVIEWS
  - 1. Review All 1383 Submissions--Ensure All Must Funds Properly Identified
  - 2. Verify All Statutory and Regulatory Citations on Forms
- B. PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION FOR LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

## **P**OLLUTION PREVENTION

- A. REVIEW FACILITY POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN
- B. PARTICIPATE IN HAZARDOUS MINIMIZATION COMMITTEES
- C. ADVISE ON REQUIREMENTS OF E0 12856 AND EO 12873

## **A** LTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- A. ASSIST IN SELECTING ENVIRONMENTAL CASES FOR ADR
- B. ASSIST IN SELECTING APPROPRIATE ADR PROCESS
- C. ASSIST IN MINI-TRIAL OR OTHER ADR PREPARATION

## RASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

- A. REALIGNMENTS
  - 1. Review NEPA Documents

#### 2. Monitor Permit and CAA Compliance

#### B. REUSE AND DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Review NEPA Documentation
- 2. Review Environmental Baseline Surveys and CERFA Reports
- 3. Review Findings of Suitability to Lease and Transfer (FOSL/FOST)
- 4. Review Reports of Availability (ROA) for Leasing Actions
- 5. Review Proposed Transfer and Deed Terms

# REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

#### A. PERMITS, LICENSES, AND LEASES

- 1. Review Proposals for all Real Estate Permits, Licenses, Leases, and Transfers
- 2. Ensure NEPA Compliance
- 3. Ensure Inclusion of Proper Environmental Protection Provisions
- 4. Review all Environmental Baseline Surveys (EBS) and/or Preliminary Assessment Screenings (PAS)

#### B. DISPOSALS

- 1. Review Reports of Excess (ROE)
- 2. Ensure NEPA Compliance
- 3. Review Other Proposed Statutory Transfers
- 4. Review all EBSs, PASs, and Statements of Condition (SOC)

#### C. ACQUISITIONS

- 1. Ensure NEPA Compliance
- 2. Review all EBSs, PASs

# A CQUISITION REQUIREMENTS

#### A. ITEMS CONTAINING RECOVERED MATERIALS

- 1. Review Contracts for Items Listed in EPA Guidelines for Procurement of Products Containing Recovered Material
- Review Requests for Exceptions Not to Purchase Items Required to Contain Recovered Materials

#### B. ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE GOODS OR SERVICES

- 1. Advise on Procedures and Standards for Determining Whether a Product is Considered Environmentally Preferable/Energy Efficient
- 2. Review Justifications for Preferences to Purchase Environmentally Preferable Goods or Services

## WATER RIGHTS

#### A. DETERMINING EXISTING WATER RIGHTS

- 1. Assist Engineer in Documenting Existing Rights
- 2. Advise on Disputed or Questionable Rights

#### B. MONITORING EXISTING RIGHTS

- 1. Advise on Any Encroachment of Existing Rights
- 2. Assist in Contesting or Preserving Existing Rights
- 3. Assist in Acquiring New Water Rights

# ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

#### A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE LAW SUITS

- 1. Notify ELD of any Potential Suits or Service of Process
- 2. Prepare Litigation Report, upon Request of ELD

#### B. ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE SUITS

- 1. Notify Installation Claims Counsel and U.S. Army Claims Service
- 2. Assist Claims Attorney in Understanding Environmental Issues

#### C. POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY NOTIFICATIONS

- 1. Advise ELD of any EPA or State Notifications
- 2. Assist in Assembling Records of Waste Shipments
- 3. Assist ELD, as Requested, in any Settlement Negotiations